

# UPAYA

Newsletter of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda  
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## August Notes

Hello from the Temple! Thank you for taking the time to read this article. August is often a quiet time of year. Usually, we have completed our major efforts to put on the Bazaar and Obon, and August is the time we stop to wipe our brow and say "WHEW!!" September lurks around the corner with a whole new cycle of temple openings, beginnings, and a calendar full of services and events.

At the temple, we have a hopeful anticipation of trying to provide live services once again. September 19 Fall Ohigan Service is our target, so August is the time for our temple leaders to consider the pro's and con's, and to view all our options. ARIGATAI (appreciative). I am very appreciative that we have so many dedicated and helpful leaders who make the time and effort to consider our choices. These are not easy decisions to make. Everyone is hopeful to get back to "normal" ... to see each other at services, to eat together, and to give and receive those warm greetings that we are accustomed to. We all miss that sense of Sangha, and it is tantalizing to relax our guard and return to the ways we want. But now, we have the Delta variant of the Covid pandemic to monitor and consider. It sure is a good thing that our video service chairpersons continue to remind us to be cautious and safety minded, to wear our masks for ourselves and others. To provide you an overview, some of our Bay District Temples are working to re-open on September 12, while some of our temples are saying, "No way ... not for another year." Please be patient, no matter what decisions are made here.



We have had a number of smaller gatherings here, from our Drive-Through Obento fundraisers, our Outdoor Lumbini Garden Kanbutsu, a few family memorial services, Dharma School Live end of year class and festivities, the Obon/Hatsubon Meditation Services, and the Savers Clothing Drive. Ikebana classes have resumed on a regular basis. These and other safely monitored events will be planned and prepared so that our many Sangha groups can find a way to gather. Through virtual and ZOOM services and sessions, we have successfully been able to reach out to more people and further locations than ever before. We want to maintain these connections as another arm of our temple outreach efforts. Meetings are easier to attend. Classes are manageable options to work into our busy schedules. There are good aspects that have risen out of the pandemic difficulties of the past year and a half. We want to be able to

maintain what we have learned, manage what we have gained, and return safely to all we hold dear at the temple. Again, please be patient.

I will be away on vacation time this month, so there will be no video services provided on the last 3 Sundays of August. I will be nearby and accessible, so please feel free to contact me for questions or family situations. See you at the temple.

Gassho,  
Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto  
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### UPAYA CORRECTION

In the July edition of our Upaya, it was announced that **The Pet Memorial Service** would be held on August 8, 2021. Request for pet photos to be posted and Dianne Matsuoka as our Guest Speaker was announced. **INSTEAD**, August 8 will be our **Socho Ki (Bishops' Memorial Service)**. A video link will be provided as usual. The Pet Memorial Service aka **The All Beings Memorial Service** will be held on January 16, 2022. Please note this change. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Thank you!



### IN MEMORIAM

The Buddhist Temple of Alameda offers condolences to the family of temple member **Chris Shinya Tomine** who died of a stroke on July 10, 2021, at the age of 77.

He is survived by his wife, **Jane Naito**, sons: **Dylan Tomine** and **Adrian (Sarah Brennen) Tomine**; grandchildren: **Skyla, Weston, Nora, and May**; step-children **Paul Sonoda** and **Angela (Jack Knutson) Sonoda**; brother **Eugene (Sharron Sue) Tomine** and sisters **Naomi (Walt) Ellis** and **Amy Tomine**.

A private family service is planned for later this summer.

## Arigato

For the past 16 months our Temple has been closed due to the Pandemic. We could not hold any in person services. We could not gather and talk to each other. Two bazaars and two Obons have been cancelled. Despite this, the Temple has continued to be present. We adjusted and did what was necessary to keep the Temple operating. We had to come out of our comfort zone and venture out into a new virtual world. It was not easy, but we did it.

Rev Fujimoto learned to produce videos for weekly services to continue to share the Dharma. There are always fresh flowers beautifully arranged in the Onaijin. We shifted our board meetings and various committee meetings to Zoom. ABWA carried on with their activities. Dharma school was held via Zoom. We had "Ask Rev D" and coffee hours via Zoom. Buddhist study sessions were held via Zoom. We held a drive through Hanamatsuri service. We had three Obento fundraisers and a cardboard cutout fundraiser. The finances continue to be taken care of. The Upaya continues to be published. We continue to reach out to grow our Sangha. The Temple apartments continued to be efficiently managed. We started participating in an Alameda Japanese American historical project. The Temple garden and grounds are being kept beautiful.

How does all of this happen if the Temple is closed? It is due to the hard work and dedication of many Sangha members who have been faithfully working behind the scene. Their devotion to the Buddhist Temple of Alameda has made it possible for the Temple to persevere during these unprecedented times. I would like to express my deep gratitude for all their hard work.

My original intent of writing this article was to shine a light on Sangha members. As I was making a list, I soon realized that there were too many of them to name individually. I was afraid I would inadvertently overlook someone. Everyone is important. I don't know everything that goes on at the Temple. I probably failed to mention some things above. There are many things that seem to just get done without a clue as to who did it. Many Sangha members do what is needed out of their love and devotion to the Temple not expecting any recognition.

To all you devoted Sangha members, please know that all of your hard work is deeply appreciated in keeping the Buddhist Temple of Alameda alive and well as we look forward to reopening soon.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu!  
Thank you very much!

Gassho,  
Hiko Shimamoto  
President BOD



## ABWA NEWS

### Omimai Home Visits:

This year we resumed our annual omimai home visits as we are fully vaccinated. On Tuesday, July 13, several ABWA members made the visits and deliveries to 23 of our Temple Keiro members and those who were not well. We delivered small packages of assorted mochi treats to them. Thank you to Rev. Fujimoto, Kimberly Kato Chambliss & family, Joan DiStefano, Jackie Ito-Woo, Joyce Maniwa, Judy Oda, Dorothy Okamoto, Mas Takano, and Amy Tomine for making the visits. Unfortunately, we were not able to take pictures of all of those we visited. Rev. Dennis accompanied me on my visits this year. As you can see below, Cookie Takeshita, Mrs. Terao and Denny Terao were very welcoming and enjoyed our visits.



### Clothing Drive:

There will be a report on the results of the clothing drive in next month's Upaya. As of this writing, we appear to have collected many more bags than our last drive in 2019. Thank you to everyone for your donations!

### Next Meeting:

We will not be having an ABWA meeting in August. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, September 6, 2021 at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed close to the meeting date.

Gassho,  
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

## 2021 Obon/Hatsubon Services

The temple conducted Obon/Hatsubon services on the evening of July 17 and the morning of July 18, 2021. We haven't yet fully re-opened, so conducting two *in person* services at the temple still allowed for safe spacing.

Participants first gathered in the social hall. **Mr. Hiko Shimamoto** chaired both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. **Reverend Fujimoto** introduced a new different format for the service. Rev. Dennis greeted everyone and explained the new procedures. While Rev. Dennis chanted in the hondo, participants would move out to the garden, slowly meditatively walk around the pond to a series of small lighted altars where they recited a brief passage from a sutra or poem. Ushers guided the participants when necessary. The path ended in front of the temple's main entrance. Participants entered the Honda and when all were seated, the services began.

### 2021 Hatsubon Names

John Towata  
Ray Hayame  
Paula Liane Bisson Tsychiya  
Carol Tokiko Kono  
Darlene Naomi Ikeda  
Jody Bailey  
Grace Eto Shibata  
Takeo Mori

### 2020 Names

Hamako Iwanami Suico  
Toshiye Hasegawa

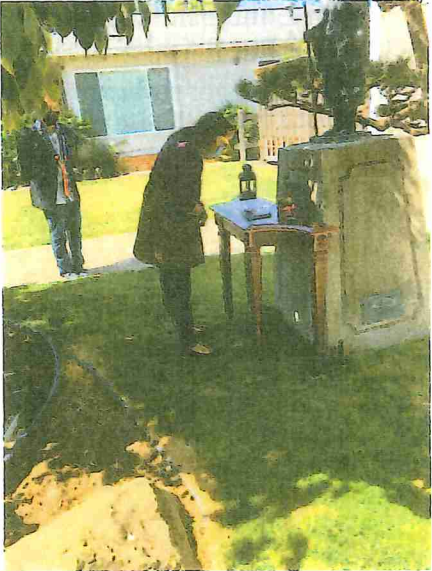
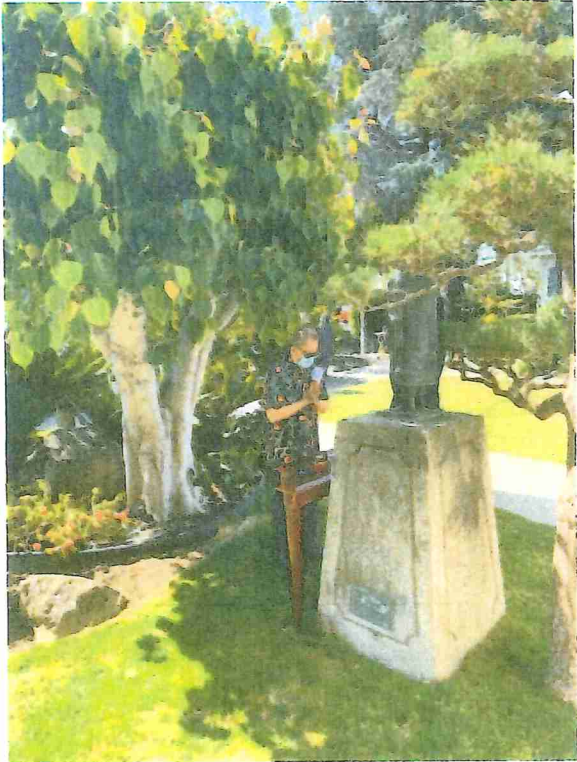


Mr. Hiko Shimamo

After chanting, the Hatsubon names were read, and family/friends came up to the onaijin and did oshoko. **Ms. Jackie Ito-Woo** then presented them with a gift from the temple. Rev. Fujimoto then delivered his dharma message (homyo). Hiko thanked everyone for participating and invited all to come forward and oshoko. Usually, following a service, people remain to socialize, and enjoy light refreshments, but because of covid-19 protocols, this was not possible. Ushers had taken forehead temperatures to everyone entering the hall, and hand sanitizers were available upon entering and after handling any objects. Hopefully, this service was inspiring and safe.



2021 Obon Services



# Thank You - Arigato

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Date	Donor Last Name(s)	Donor First Name(s)	Purpose	Detail	Amount
7/20/21	Ishida-Lew and Lew	Marilyn and Barney	Bazaar		1000
7/20/21	Hashimoto	Tom	Bazaar		500
7/21/21	Furuichi	Satoko and Jim	Bazaar		250
7/21/21	Okada	Gayle	Bazaar		200
7/20/21	Iwahashi	Kazue	Bazaar		50
7/7/21	Maniwa	Joyce	Donation	Bazaar	300
7/11/21	Taira	Josephine and Troy	Donation	Bazaar	100
7/7/21	Yasuda-Ota	Louise	Donation	Bazaar	100
7/1/21	Iwahashi	Kazue	Donation	Bazaar	50
7/1/21	Toyama	Lisa	Donation	Bazaar	50
7/7/21	Yamaoka-Panzella and Panzella	Jacqui and Lou	Donation	Bazaar and Obon	250
7/1/21	Gardner	Don	Donation	Bento	100
7/1/21	Kameda	Glenn	Donation	Bento	40
7/7/21	Yoshiwara	Pat and Kent	Donation	Kaz Yoshiwara Graduation	500
7/11/21	Anonymous		Donation		2000
7/20/21	Maniwa	Joyce	Donation		300
7/1/21	Delaney	Robin	Donation		100
7/7/21	Kataoka	Nan	Donation		100
7/21/21	Komatsu	Rodney	Donation		100
7/7/21	Omi-Braxton	Kimi	Donation		100
7/20/21	Anonymous		Donation		55
7/11/21	Dye	Mamie	Donation		50
7/16/21	Lineberry	Mari	Donation		50
7/7/21	Bruner	Michael	Donation		40
7/20/21	Bailey	Michael	Donation		25
7/7/21	Yasuda-Ota	Louise	Gotan E		30
7/7/21	Yamaoka	May	Hanamatsuri		50
7/20/21	Narahara	Edwin	Hatsubon	Carol Kono	100
7/20/21	Narahara	Ken	Hatsubon	Carol Kono	50
7/20/21	Regan	Dennis	Hatsubon	Darlene Ikeda	100
7/20/21	Ikeda	Sandra	Hatsubon	Darlene Ikeda	50
7/20/21	Taira	Josephine and Troy	Hatsubon	Darlene Ikeda	50
7/20/21	Anonymous		Hatsubon	Darlene Ikeda	25
7/20/21	Sulco	Dave	Hatsubon	Hamako Suico	1000
7/20/21	Bailey	Michael	Hatsubon	Jo Ellen Bailey	100
7/20/21	Takata	Joanne	Hatsubon	John Towata Jr	100
7/20/21	Matsuoka	Dianne and Eddie	Hatsubon	John Towata Jr	50
7/20/21	Tsujimoto	Marsha and Dennis	Hatsubon	John Towata Jr	30
7/20/21	Muramoto	Carol and Bob	Hatsubon	John Towata Jr	25
7/20/21	Tsuchiya	Ronald	Hatsubon	Paula Bisson	1000
7/20/21	Tsujimoto	Marsha and Dennis	Hatsubon	Paula Bisson	30
7/20/21	Tsujimoto	Marsha and Dennis	Hatsubon	Ray Hayame	100
7/20/21	Hayame	Bryan	Hatsubon	Ray Hayame	50
7/20/21	Hayame	Jamie	Hatsubon	Ray Hayame	50
7/20/21	Hirai	Tracy	Hatsubon	Ray Hayame	50
7/20/21	Matsuoka	Dianne and Eddie	Hatsubon	Ray Hayame	50
7/20/21	Tsujimoto	Jeff	Hatsubon	Ray Hayame	50
7/20/21	Hayame	Maryam and Glenn	Hatsubon	Ray Hayame	40
7/20/21	Hasegawa-Pence and Pence	Lysbeth and Carl	Hatsubon	Toshiye Hasegawa	50
7/7/21	Yamaoka	May	Hatsubon	Toshiye Hasegawa	50
7/21/21	Masuyama and Bergland	June and Harry	Memorial	Chris Tomine	100
7/21/21	Cotton	Karen	Memorial	Chris Tomine	25

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7/20/21	Myer	Margaret	Memorial	Chris Tomine	25
7/7/21	Naito	Jane	Memorial	Danny Tanaka	100
7/20/21	Ushijima	Emily and David	Memorial	Harry Ushijima	100
7/7/21	Maniwa	Joyce	Memorial	Hisao Akiyama and Katsuji Akiyama	100
7/11/21	Okada	Gayle	Memorial	Kiyo Okada	50
7/7/21	Terao	Dennis	Memorial	Masaichi Tateyama	50
7/7/21	Terao	Joyce	Memorial	Masaichi Tateyama	50
7/11/21	Terao-Doerr and Doerr	Lenni and Douglas	Memorial	Masaichi Tateyama	50
7/7/21	Kataoka	Nan	Memorial	Masao Kataoka	25
7/20/21	Matsuoka	Dianne and Eddie	Memorial	Mildred and Shizu Takeda	100
7/21/21	Kwan	Janet	Memorial	Mildred Takeda	100
7/11/21	Tsuchiya	Ronald	Memorial	Miyano Tsuchiya	100
7/7/21	Yasuda-Ota	Louise	Memorial	Mother	30
7/7/21	Morikawa-Won and Won	Stacey and James	Memorial	Naoyoshi Kuge	50
7/7/21	Ouye	Dorise and Joel	Memorial	Roy Kitashima	50
7/21/21	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	Memorial	Toki Sakamoto	100
7/21/21	Yoshida Family		Memorial	Tokiye Yoshida	100
7/21/21	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	Memorial	Tokuji Sakamoto	100
7/7/21	Hashimoto	Daphne and Frank	Memorial	Yas Hashimoto	50
7/20/21	Tomine	Amy	Obon	Chris Tomine and John McCue	100
7/20/21	Ishida-Lew and Lew	Marilyn and Barney	Obon		1000
7/20/21	Hashimoto	Tom	Obon		100
7/20/21	Ito	Yasuko Ann	Obon		100
7/20/21	Ito-Woo	Jackie	Obon		100
7/20/21	Maniwa	Joyce	Obon		100
7/20/21	Matsuoka	Dianne and Eddie	Obon		100
7/7/21	Naito and Tomine	Jane and Chris	Obon		100
7/20/21	Nakano	Ronald	Obon		100
7/16/21	Oda	Judy	Obon		100
7/20/21	Sakamoto	Esther and Allen	Obon		100
7/20/21	Shimamoto	Susan and Hiko	Obon		100
7/1/21	Taira	Josephine and Troy	Obon		100
7/16/21	Terao	Dennis	Obon		100
7/16/21	Terao	Joyce	Obon		100
7/11/21	Tsuchiya	Ronald	Obon		100
7/20/21	Okamoto	Dorothy	Obon		75
7/1/21	Akimoto	Sun Hui and Tsunetoshi	Obon		50
7/20/21	Akiyama	Misako	Obon		50
7/21/21	Furuchi	Satoko and Jim	Obon		50
7/21/21	Iwahashi	Kazue	Obon		50
7/7/21	Kataoka	Nan	Obon		50
7/7/21	Matsumoto	Michiko	Obon		50
7/20/21	Mizono	Dorothy and William	Obon		50
7/7/21	Morikawa-Won and Won	Stacey and James	Obon		50
7/20/21	Muraca	Tsueko	Obon		50
7/7/21	Myer	Margaret	Obon		50
7/21/21	Okada	Gayle	Obon		50
7/20/21	Shintani	Howard	Obon		50
7/11/21	Takano	Betty	Obon		50
7/11/21	Terao-Doerr and Doerr	Lenni and Douglas	Obon		50
7/11/21	Hashimoto	Yoko	Obon		30
7/11/21	Tomine	Amy	Obon		30
7/7/21	Yasuda-Ota	Louise	Obon		30
7/20/21	Hashimoto	Yoko	Obon Lights		50
7/7/21	Kataoka	Nan	Obon Lights		35
7/7/21	Yasuda-Ota	Louise	Obon Lights		30





We're getting ready for back to school including Dharma School classes. We're changing the schedule a little bit..... we will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 10:00 a.m. The first class, September 12<sup>th</sup>, will be at the temple in person, but the second class will be on Zoom.

In addition, the temple will be having special services on the following dates:

September 19:	Ohigan
October 17 <sup>th</sup> :	BWA Memorial
November 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Hoonko
December 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Bodhi Day

These will also be in person and we'd like the Dharma School students to attend these as well.

Confused? We'll be sending emails as usual with a reminder the week before class, but wanted to give you an idea of what the schedule will be like until the end of the year. We realize that we've had to be flexible and will continue to be for awhile.

Also let us know if there's any friends you'd like to invite to join us. Thank you and see you soon!

Gassho-

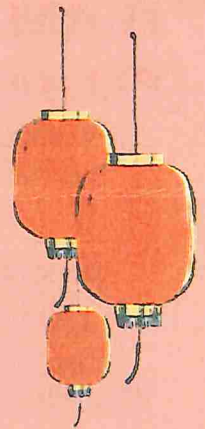
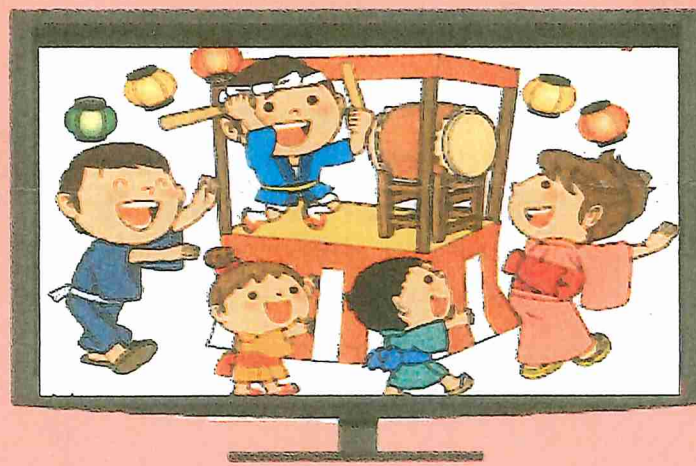
The Dharma School team

## September Shotsuki list 2021

Akinaga, Mr. Osamu 2001  
Bruno, Mrs. Alberta 1996  
Doi, Mr. Akitaka 1995  
Fukayama, Mrs. Akiko 2009  
Hasegawa, Mr. Akira 1991  
Mashimoto, Mr. Ryuzo 1956  
Hatakeda, Mrs. Tomo 1949  
Hayame, Ray 2020  
Hori, Mrs. Yoshie 1991  
Imazumi, Mr. Kanae 1988  
Imazumi, Mrs. Rose Toshiko 2019  
Inouye, Mr. Chikara 1943  
Iwaihara, Mr. Katsutarō 1935  
Kataoka, Mr. Hisao 1988  
Kawahara, Mrs. Yukino 2008  
Kobu, Mr. Sensaburo 1963  
Komatsu, Mrs. Kameko 1983  
Kumamoto, Mr. Heihachiro 1953  
Maruyama, Miss Kazuko 1937  
Mayeda, Mrs. Kinu 1968  
McCroskey, Mrs. Asako 2017  
Mikami, Mr. Naoyemon 1961  
Mochizuki, Mr. Kiyoshi 2017  
Moritomo, Infant Itsuko 1929  
Murakawa, Mr. Takao 1998  
Myer, Mr. Richard "Rick" 2019  
Nagai, Infant Francis 1933  
Nakano, Mr. Makoto 1995  
Nakano, Mrs. Tsuchino 1949  
Nakao, Mrs. Toshiko D. 2006  
Nakao, Mr. Toyokichi 1955  
Nakaso, Mrs. Iku 1983  
Nishikawa, Mrs. Kimiyo 2002  
Noriye, Mrs. Misuye 1960  
Ogawa, Infant Kiyomi 1947  
Omi, Mr. Henry 1996  
Sugitani, Mr. Saburo 1994  
Sugiyama, Infant Shiro 1935  
Tabushi, Mrs. Hinaka 2002  
Tamura, Mr. Rey 2015  
Tajima, Mrs. Nobu 1941  
Takeda, Mr. Risaburo 1963  
Tateyama, Mrs. Misuye 1974  
Tsuchiya, Mrs. Mariye 1990  
Tsurumoto, Mrs. Tori 1962  
Tsuyuki, Mr. Kentaro 1951  
Umene, Mr. Torakichi 1946  
Yamada, Mr. Goichi 1940  
Yamamoto, Mrs. Emiko 1998  
Yamamoto, Mr. Motonori 2005  
Yamamoto, Mr. Yujiro 1939  
Yamasaki, Mr. Magoichi 1968  
Yamasaki, Mrs. Shina 1965

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**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Mushim  
Patricia Ikeda**

*East Bay Meditation Center*

**Rev. Harry Bridge**

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*Mushim Ikeda is a Buddhist and secular mindfulness teacher and diversity, equity and inclusion consultant. She is a core teacher at [East Bay Meditation Center](#).*

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*Rev. Bridge has served as resident minister for the [Buddhist Church of Oakland](#) since 2009 and is adjunct faculty at the [Institute for Buddhist Studies](#). He is also co-host of a podcast, [Dharma Realm](#), with Dr. Scott Mitchell.*

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## RENNYO'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONGWANJI THOUGHT

*Wisdom of a Great Propagator & Revitalizer*



Rennyo Shonin  
(1415 - 1499)

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 21,  
2021**

**\*11 AM - 1 PM**

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**Guest Speaker:**

**REV. DR. MUTSUMI WONDRA**

Resident Minister, Orange County Buddhist Church  
Adjunct Professor, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Rennyo Shōnin is revered for his great achievement as the “Second Founder” in the eight hundred year history of the Hongwanji.

When he became a spiritual head of the Hongwanji, Japan was developing economically, and a new social structure was forming during the Warring period. It was a period of internal warfare and people were facing social turmoil.

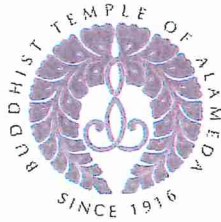
Rennyo transmitted, in an easily understood manner, the path of being spiritually liberated according to Amida Buddha’s deep wish, and the nembutsu taught by the Founder Shinran Shōnin.

Because of Rennyo’s energetic propagation carried on through his life, the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism spread throughout the country and became the foundation for the Hongwanji today.

In this seminar, we will learn about the life of Rennyo and his propagation methods, which may provide some hints to the American Shinshū community today.



Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra serves as a BCA minister at the Orange County Buddhist Church and adjunct professor at the IBS. She received Tokudo (2006) and Kyoshi (2007) ordination from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. She earned an MA from the Institute of Buddhist Studies; and MA and PhD from Ryukoku University Graduate School of Shin Buddhist Studies; and Hongwanji-ha Hōkyō.



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